

REMARKS

One drawing sheet is submitted herewith, to correct the alleged inconsistency between the specification and the drawings involving FIG. 6a.

This application is the U.S. National Stage (35 U.S.C. §371) of International Application PCT/US2004/026790, filed August 18, 2004. The International Application claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/497,829, filed August 26, 2003.

The International Application was published as International Publication No. WO 2005/022591. During the pendency of the International Application, a set of twenty-two (22) substitute drawing sheets was submitted under PCT Rule 26 to the U.S. Receiving Office. One of those substitute sheets was omitted when a corrected version of the International Application was published (WO 2005/022591 "Corrected Version").

The applicants wish to point out that FIG. 6a was included in the original publication of the International Application. Furthermore, the applicants wish to point out that both versions of WO 2005/022591 (that is, the original publication and the later "Corrected Version") are in the file wrapper of the present application with the date January 6, 2006; this is the date of the Transmittal Letter Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. §371. The original version of the published International Application includes FIG. 6a, but the "Corrected Version" does not.

Documentation supporting the above statements is attached, as follows:

Exhibit A: One page of the certified copy of the priority document, U.S. Application No. 60/497,829. This document appears in the electronic file wrapper with the date January 6, 2006 and document code "FRPR", and consists of 33 pages. Page 29 of this document is a drawing sheet labeled "3 of 7" near the bottom, and includes FIG. 6a.

Exhibit B: One page of the original version of International Publication No. WO 2005/022591. This document appears in the electronic file wrapper with the date January 6, 2006 and document code "DRW", and consists of seven (7) pages. Page 3 of this document is a drawing sheet labeled "3 of 7" near the bottom, has the international publication and application numbers in the top margin and "3/7" in the top center, and includes FIG. 6a.

Exhibit C: A copy of a stamped postcard, returned by the U.S. Receiving Office, acknowledging receipt of 22 sheets of drawings in International Application PCT/US2004/026790. These 22 sheets were submitted to the U.S. Receiving Office on January 14, 2005.

The set of drawing sheets in the "Corrected Version" of WO 2005/022591 appears in the electronic file wrapper with the date January 6, 2006 and document code "DRW", and consists of twenty-one (21) pages. Drawing sheet "8/22" is clearly missing.

A comparison between the originally published version of FIG. 6a and the drawing sheet submitted herewith shows that FIG. 6a has been reproduced, so as to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.84. No new matter is being added.

The applicants wish to again express their appreciation to the Examiner for having allowed this application. The applicants respectfully request that the application pass to issue with the attached drawing sheet "8/22" included in the drawings.

The Issue Fee remains due on March 8, 2010.

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